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The Honorable Cyrus R. Vance  
Deputy Secretary of Defense  
Washington, D. C.

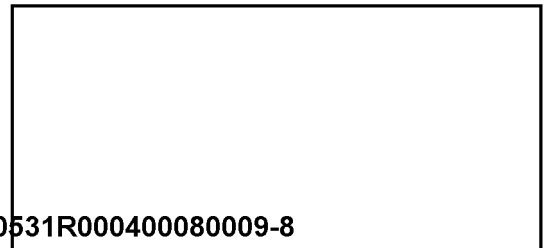
Dear Cy:

I have signed and am returning a proposed NRO agreement which conforms in almost all respects to the draft which you discussed with John Bross on 6 August. I have made some very minor editorial changes in the interest of uniformity. For example, the word "will" is used throughout as a replacement for the word "shall" which appeared in portions of the earlier versions of the document.

The only change of any substance is the proposal to limit the membership of the Executive Committee to the Deputy Secretary of Defense, the Director of Central Intelligence and the Special Assistant to the President for Science and Technology. This seems to fit the national character of this organization and is in agreement with what I believe are your views on its non-alignment to any Agency or Service. Accordingly, I propose the reintroduction of the language of an earlier draft which provides that the Executive Committee is established to "guide and participate in the formulation of the NRP through the DNRO. The DNRO will sit with the Executive Committee but will not be a voting member." If you feel strongly that the DNRO should be an actual member of the Committee, I should be glad to give it further consideration.

The only other change which I should like to propose and have tentatively included in the new agreement is a new sentence

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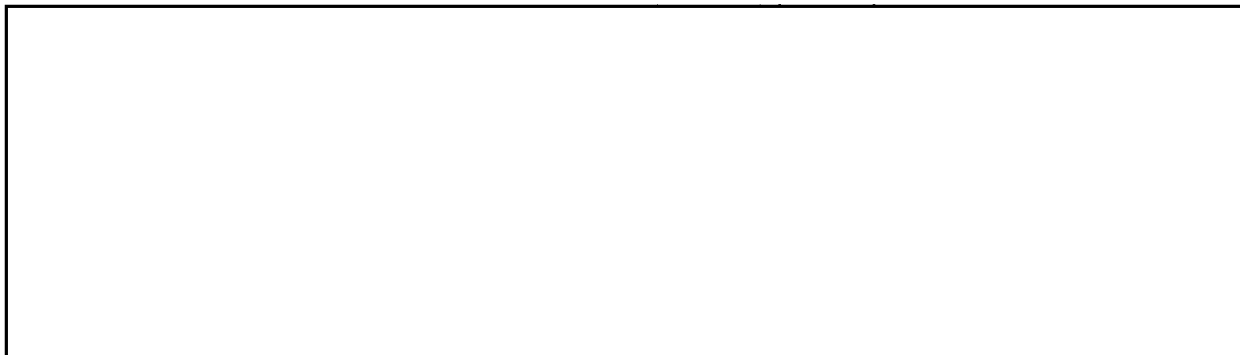


to go at the end of paragraph D.1.d. With the addition of this sentence, the concluding portion of this paragraph would read as follows (new sentence underlined):

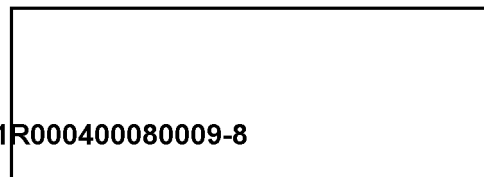


I believe that specific guidance along these lines will be extremely helpful for the purpose of ensuring smooth working relationships in the development and integration of the over-all payload.

If this agreement meets with your approval, I suggest that we meet at an early date to discuss any questions relating to its implementation. John Bross advises me that you agree



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